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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003-04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 278

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

February 5, 2003

An act to amend Section 19817 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gaming.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 278, as amended, Bermudez. Gambling Control Act.

The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission. Under existing law, the California Gambling Control Commission is required to appoint a Gaming Policy Advisory Committee of 10 members, and this committee is to be composed of representatives of controlled gambling licensees and members of the general public in equal numbers.

This bill would delete the requirement that the California Gambling Control Commission appoint 10 members to increase the membership of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee to 16 members, composed of equal numbers of 8 representatives of controlled gambling licensees, and 8 members of the general public. The bill would, in addition to those groups, require the California Gambling Control Commission to appoint representatives from cities and counties with gambling establishments to the committee. The bill would also give the commission the authority to establish the composition of the committee.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19817 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3 19817. (a) The commission shall establish and appoint a Gaming Policy Advisory Committee. The committee shall be 5 composed of all of the following:
 - (1) Controlled gambling licensees.
- (2) Representatives of cities and counties with gambling 8 establishments.
 - (3) Members of the general public.
 - (b) The commission has the authority to establish the composition of the committee from the three groups described in subdivision (a).
 - (e) of 16 members, eight of whom shall be members of the general public, and eight of whom shall represent controlled gambling licensees.
 - (b) The executive director shall, from time to time, convene the committee for the purpose of discussing matters of controlled gambling regulatory policy and any other relevant gambling-related issue.
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- 21 (c) The recommendations concerning gambling policy made by the committee shall be presented to the commission, but shall be deemed advisory and not binding on the commission in the performance of its duties or functions. The committee may not
- advise the commission on Indian gaming.